



# Indian Hill Church

EPISCOPAL † PRESBYTERIAN

## Announcements for Week of December 18th

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### **December 18th, 2022: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 AM - Episcopal Holy Eucharist**

**9:00 AM - Forum: Isaiah, Part VI**

**10:00 AM - Presbyterian Christmas**



Come join us on Sunday for the fourth week of Advent!

*"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."* In this week's gospel reading, Joseph learns of Mary's pregnancy and plans to quietly divorce her in order to spare her the derision of others who would look down on her, but a visit from an angel in his dreams swiftly helps him realize that he is being asked to be a part of something much bigger than himself. From then on, he selflessly and unconditionally devotes himself to his wife and his son and accepts God's guidance without question.

What's unique about Joseph is that we know many details that give us a clearer idea of his identity (he was a carpenter, he hailed from Bethlehem and the line of King David) and his personality (he was honorable and wanted to spare Mary embarrassment, he was dutiful and immediately obeyed the instructions of the angel, he was conscientious of the law and undertook the journey for the census despite it being a burden), but we never hear a word spoken from him in the gospels. His in-law, Zechariah, received news concerning his wife's pregnancy from an angel as well, and Zechariah made the (understandable) mistake of asking, "Really? Are you sure? How is this possible?" enough that the angel shushed him for the entirety of Elizabeth's pregnancy-- a complete inverse of Joseph, who never once opens his mouth to question God's will. Joseph never made it about himself-- which, of course, makes it obvious why God decided he would be the perfect father to raise his son.

*God of promise,  
you have given us a sign of your love  
through the gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
who was promised from ages past.  
We believe as Joseph did  
the message of your presence  
whispered by an angel,  
and offer our prayers for your world,  
confident of your care and mercy for all creation. Amen.*

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# Christmas Eve Services

3:30 PM | 4:30 PM | 6:00 PM | 9:00 PM

Brighten your holiday by joining us for one of our Christmas Eve services—we have several happening on Christmas Eve, so you and your family can enjoy the perfect service for your needs. All services on Christmas Eve will feature a candlelit rendition of “Silent Night.”

Our Young Family Service at 3:30 PM is shortened and family-friendly for those with small children! This is an interactive, fun service that can be appreciated by all ages.

Both our 4:30 PM Presbyterian Christmas Worship and our 6:00 PM Episcopal Holy Eucharist will feature instrumental music and the adult choir.

Finally, our 9:00 PM Episcopal Holy Eucharist will feature a harpist as well as a vocal ensemble.

IHC is welcome for all! Please feel free to invite friends, family, and neighbors to join us.

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## Christmas with an English Twist

### **Christmas with an English Twist** **December 25th, 10:00 AM**

Join us on Christmas Day at 10:00 AM for our special “Christmas with an English twist” service! Rev. Simon Barnes, joined by his wife Lucy, will show us how they celebrate Christmas across the pond, complete with sherry, minced pies, and other treats! You won’t want to miss it. We will not be having an 8:00 service on Christmas Day.

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## CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

### **Christmas Lessons and Carols** **January 1st, 2023** **10:00 AM**

At 10:00 AM on New Years Day, you’re invited to our Christmas Lessons and Carols service! Much like our Advent Lessons and Carols, we’ll recount the birth of Christ, sing many beloved Christmas carols, and joyfully ring in the new year together. There will not be an 8:00 AM service on New Years Day.

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**Serving and Cutting Boards**  
**Crafted by Ohio Wood Connection**

You may remember a tree in our church lawn



that needed to be cut down next spring-- a large maple. You'll be thrilled to know that Ohio Wood Connection has made cutting/serving boards for us for our 75th anniversary, and are not charging the church for this work! Many thanks to them. We'd love to give you the opportunity to get to know them better-- so, a word from Ohio Wood Connection:

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**December 18, 2022 | Advent 4**

- 8:00 AM Episcopal Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 AM Parish Forum
- **10:00 AM Presbyterian Christmas**

### December 24, 2022 | Christmas Eve

- 3:30 PM Young Family Service
- 4:30 PM Presbyterian Worship
- 6:00 PM Episcopal Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 PM Episcopal Holy Eucharist

### December 25, 2022 | Christmas

- 10:00 AM Christmas with an English Twist

### January 1, 2023 | New Years

- 10:00 AM Christmas Lessons and Carols

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